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### BASKETBALL STAR DECLARED INELIGIBLE

#### P. M. Wentworth Notified On Eve Of First Game That He Cannot Play

Minus their star player, P. M. Wentworth, the basket ball team will meet Tufts at Medford this afternoon in the first game of the season. As far as can be learned, Tufts has about the same team as last year. It is said that the team is in splendid condition, and is playing fine ball.

The removal of P. M. Wentworth from the team is a complete surprise to everyone. The whole affair seems to have been brought about by an unofficial letter received from a Dartmouth student. This letter informed the manager that the athletic rules barred out P. M. Wentworth, as he was a postgraduate and professional. The letter was referred to the advisory council which is made up of Major Briggs, chairman, John Avery 1910, Karl Fernstrom 1910, and C. P. Eldred 1911. The matter was taken up and as a result they notified Wentworth that he was not eligible to play on the varsity team. This is the first time, to the knowledge of Capt. Parker, that such a thing has happened in Institute athletics. The athletic rules have been searched and no trace of any statement which bears on such a case can be found.

P. M. Wentworth has played on the team ever since he entered the Institute. For two years he was captain of the team, and it was through his efforts that the team was brought up to the position of second among inter-collegiate teams last year. The loss of such a man will cripple the team. It now remains to be seen what the present team can do. For this reason the results of the game will be watched with great interest.

The following men will probably start the game: Parker c, Benis g, Avery g, Johnson f & c, Hargraves f, Darling, guard, and Crooker and Ell, forwards, will be worked in during the game.

The following men will probably start the game for Tufts:—Hatch g, Wallace g, Atwood c, Kimball f, and Nash f.

### JUNIOR PROM

At a recent meeting of the Junior Prom committee, H. D. Williams was elected secretary and S. P. Kimball treasurer.

The committee has started in earnest and are all working hard, preparing to make the 1911 Prom the best of all.

President S. B. Copeland has announced that books for the men to sign up on will be out very soon, believing that this is a matter that can not be commenced too early in the year. He desires the members of the class to remember what Prof. Breed said at the Class dinner—that men who intend to go to the Prom help the committee by signing up right away instead of putting the matter aside from day to day.

Mrs. Sarah Bailey of Kingston, Mass., a member of the class of 1878-9, is making home-made candies of the best quality. Mrs. Bailey is connected with the firm of Miss Hall and Mrs. Bailey, Kingston, Mass., manufacturers of the famous "Ye KYNG'S TOWN'S SWEETES." Mr. Scharff will give this candy a try-out at the cage. Various kinds of candy boxed in different sizes can be obtained.

### G. B. DEXTER TELLS ABOUT NORTHERN AFRICA

#### Ancient City of the Desert— Interesting Marriage Customs

At the invitation of the Architectural Society about 25 men gathered in 42 Pierce to hear Mr. G. B. Dexter's experiences in Northern Africa. Starting from Algiers he led his hearers through the desert to Tunis, stopping at Biskra, Constantine, and Tingad, the buried Roman city of the desert. He paid particular attention to the different and interesting styles of architecture typified by the modern French and Moorish houses as well as the ancient Arabic mosques and Roman buildings.

The Arabic quarter of Tunis dates back 1400 years and its streets are very narrow in order to lessen the intense heat which, after April 1, often reaches 113 degrees in the shade. The Arabs here as elsewhere have no regular occupations but leave the work for the Europeans or the black Soudanese. The shops are highly decorated and are kept by merchants who are indifferent and who make no attempt to sell their wares. An Arab is satisfied with eight cents a day.

Situated in the midst of the desert is the buried city of Tingad. This city was founded in the year 130 B. C. and was given to five Roman generals by Julius Caesar in 47 B. C. In the year 427 A. D., when it was destroyed by the Vandals, it had grown to be the most prosperous city in Northern Africa. Soon after the Romans rebuilt the city only to have it destroyed again by the Turks and Berbers, who carried off 22,000 women and children in 647. Many of its buildings have been uncovered, including a great coliseum seating 60,000 people and but six feet shorter than the great Coliseum in Rome. Some idea of the wonderful engineering ability of the Romans is evidenced by the fact that six years ago the ancient reservoirs were filled with water and immediately all the fountains in the city commenced to flow as they did 1300 years ago.

It was in this city that Trajan, the celebrated Roman general spent the last years of his life and one of the striking features at the present time is the arch erected soon after his death in commemoration of his victories.

Finally Mr. Dexter described Tunis. This city is near the ancient city of Carthage and Roman columns and mosaics are everywhere used in the construction of the Moorish palaces and mosques. The population includes many Jews. The marriage customs are rather interesting. Each man is allowed five wives, and he has the privilege of divorcing them if they have bad tempers or are distasteful to him in other ways. Marriages are arranged and the husband does not see his wife's face until after the ceremony. A divorce costs about \$1.40 and takes three hours. Jewish maidens are sold by bulk and the slender ones are not in demand but 250-pound beauties are eagerly sought after. These heavyweights are strapped in chairs when about 13 or 14 years old and fed on sweets.

The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides taken and colored by Mr. Dexter.

### 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF PRES. WALKER

#### For Sixteen Years Closely Con- nected With Technology— Union His Idea

Today is the thirteenth anniversary of the death of General Francis A. Walker, President of the Institute for sixteen years. In memory of General Walker there now is, in the main hall of Rogers building a fine bust of that beloved leader. The four classes then at the Institute presented it to Technology as the most fitting memorial within their power.

To General Walker must also be given a share in the securing for the students of the present Technology Union. In the last part of his administration, through the expression of his views and his actions, he practically laid the foundation for a future general meeting place for the students, and with the great aid of the alumni, his ideas have finally been carried out. To commemorate his successful career, an account of his life is here given.

General Walker was born in Boston, July 2, 1840. He spent his early youth in North Brookfield, where he began his education in the local schools.

He prepared for college at Lancaster Academy and in 1855, at the age of fifteen years, he entered Amherst. On account of illness, he was compelled to lose some months there, but graduated with the class of 1860. While in college, he displayed great fondness for economic, historical and philosophical pursuits.

After his graduation, Francis Walker began the study of law in Worcester, but his study was interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted as sergeant major in the Fifteenth Massachusetts Volunteers. In September, 1861, he was appointed assistant adjutant to General D. N. Couch, commander of the First Division of the Fourth Corps. In August, 1862, the young officer was promoted to the rank of major, and in October he was made adjutant general.

General Hancock's exclamation, "Colonel Walker is the best adjutant general that I ever knew!" is a tribute to the faithfulness with which the young officer performed his duties, while his coolness and gallantry are commended by his superiors in the report of every battle.

From 1865 till 1873, General Walker was engaged in various occupations which related, however, to his economic studies. In 1873 he was called to the chair of the Professorship of Political Economy and History, which had just been established in the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale. This position he filled until 1881.

President Runkle, who succeeded William B. Rogers, in 1870, had tendered his resignation in 1878, and the Corporation in 1881 offered the presidency to General Walker. William B. Rogers, in his letter, notifying him of this, stated that he was considered "to be best fitted, by scholarly training, zeal, and administrative ability, to carry forward the educational plans of the Institute."

President Walker's life, from this time on, is closely connected with the history of Technology. The Institute expanded greatly under his leadership, and it is, in a large measure, due to his tireless energy and love for honest work that Technology has gained its present position.

### PLANS FOR WESTERN TRIP ARE COMPLETED

#### Musical Clubs To Take Forty Men On First Extensive Series Of Concerts

The musical clubs will go on the western trip during vacation. At a meeting of the clubs yesterday, Manager W. W. Warner announced that all arrangements except a few minor details had been completed and that the first big trip of the Technology musical club was assured.

Forty men are to be selected before the end of this week and they will represent the best in the organization. To insure attendance, promptness and general good conduct a deposit of twenty-five dollars is required of each man.

The first concert will be in the Genesee Valley Club Hall in Rochester, N. Y., January 29th. The alumni here, although few in number have worked enthusiastically for the affair and it is felt that the success of the club there is certain.

On January 31st, will be the Buffalo concert. It is to be in the New Century Club Hall. About the same state of affairs exists among the alumni here as in Rochester. Every one is working hard for the concert.

The place for the concert on the first of February will be either Cleveland or Sandusky.

At Detroit, there is a large body of alumni and they have guaranteed that the concert will be a grand good thing. The date for Detroit is Feb. 2nd.

On February the third the concert at Chicago will take place. The alumni here were the first to guarantee their support to the management. They are booming the concert in earnest.

February fourth is an open date but arrangements are now in progress to have a concert at Pittsburg or Columbus. Both of these cities have shown a desire to have the concert.

The final concert, on the fifth of February, will be held in New York City and it is expected that it will be a glorious climax to the trip. The New York alumni have invited the clubs to attend their annual banquet at the Hotel Plaza.

### T. C. A. DINNER

At the fourth dinner of the Technology Christian Association tonight. Pastor John Hopkins Denison will speak. Mr. Denison is a very forceful speaker, and takes an unusual interest in the young students. His talk will be in connection with the opportunities for engineers in the foreign field.

The meeting ought to be of unusual interest besides, as report will be had from the big Volunteer Convention in Rochester during Christmas Vacation. Tech had eight delegates and all who went have expressed the unusual benefits derived from the trip.

Dinner will start promptly at six o'clock.

### CALENDAR.

Wednesday, January 5.

4:15 P. M.—C. E. Meeting, 9 Eng. B.  
6:00 P. M.—T. C. A. Dinner, Union.  
8:15 P. M.—Tufts-Tech Basket-ball, Medford

Thursday, January 6.

2:30 P. M.—Harvard-Tech Hockey, Stadium.  
4:30 P. M.—Mandolin Club, Union.

Friday, January 7.

1:00 P. M.—1913 Class Meeting, H. H.

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The management of the Musical Clubs is to be heartily congratulated upon arranging the mid-year trip. The clubs have done good work and it is only fair that they should be given an opportunity to win the reputation they deserve. Let us all endeavor to make the trip an overwhelming success by attending the concerts in person and by advertising them among our home friends. Here's hoping that the success of this experimental tour will permanently establish an annual trip of the Musical Clubs, and may a more extended trip be soon organized for the Tech Show as well.

The communication published in this number from H. B. H., 1913, represents a most unfortunate point of view in regard to the freshmen dinner.

Eating regularly at the Union and holding a class dinner there are two entirely different matters. Where a individual eats is his own affair, although one would naturally suppose that all Institute men, who could would eat at the Union. When an official Institute organization, however, decides to go outside for a dinner it is a direct rebuke to the Union which it ill becomes the class least acquainted with Institute affairs to administer.

Such was the feeling of the Institute Committee and of the mass meeting in passing the resolutions that they did, and it is a great pity if this is not appreciated by some of the freshmen.

## READING NOTICE

The 1910 Clark's Blue Book, published by the Sampson and Murdock Company, appeared promptly at the beginning of the new year. The book is really a social register of the better residential districts of Boston, Brookline, and Cambridge, and contains lists of householders arranged by streets and alphabetically, lists of members of the leading clubs including the Technology Club, and residents of select apartment hotels. Interesting points in this year's book are the illustrations typical of each residential section, the shopping guide, and the peculiar collection of miscellaneous information found only in this book.

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## COMMUNICATION

Dear Editor:—I have heard a lot since last week's indignation meeting as regards the action of the freshmen, and I'd just like to know how many of those upper classmen eat ever at the Union? I noticed them as they left the hall. At least a third I know to be fraternity men who eat at their respective fraternity houses, and then a goodly number of the rest I know to be men who invariably eat at places other than the Union.

What right have such as these to find fault with what the freshmen eat? If the Union furnished food good enough for anybody, why don't all the upper classmen "establish a precedent" as they call it? Why don't the professors and instructors eat at the Union? All these are surely Institute men as well as we freshmen.

Sincerely,

H. B. H. '13.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE NEWS

A series of one-act plays will be given throughout the winter under the auspices of the Harvard Dramatic Association. These plays will be produced by non-members, the purpose being to prepare men for the larger plays and to aid in the selection of club members.

The Harvard Medical School has completed arrangements to open a new clinic for the general treatment of patients.

Plans have been approved for a main building to be erected at the University of Illinois to be known as the Abraham Lincoln Hall and to cost about \$50,000.

The trustees of Colgate University plan to erect next spring three buildings—two dormitories and a hall of commons—at a cost of \$150,000.

The late Arthur Hill has bequeathed to the University of Michigan \$200,000 to erect an auditorium.

Yesterday was the coldest day in Boston since Jan. 24, 1907, when the mercury in the official thermometer on top of the Federal building dropped to 7 deg. below zero. At 10.30 last evening it was 2.5 below and the official in charge of the weather bureau felt confident that it would drop to from 5 to 6 below before sunrise today. At 3 A. M. it had gone to 5 below, and the mercury was steadily falling.

Today's story, as far as the temperature is concerned, was expected by the same official to be about the same as that of yesterday, with no warmer weather due until to-morrow.—Boston Herald.

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## ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

Professor Prescott addressed the Boston Biology Teachers' Association on Dec. 17th on "Pure Milk," and the Technology Club of New York on Dec. 20th on "Industrial Biology." He also read three papers at the recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, besides delivering the Chairman's Address before the Biological Section of the American Chemical Society on "Industrial Bacteriology as a Field for Biochemical Investigations."

Professor Sedgwick gave an illustrated lecture on "Life and Health Conditions in a Great City," at the North Bennett Street Industrial School on Sunday evening, Jan. 2d.

## TECH PLAYS HARVARD

### Institute Hockey Team Meets Drimson At Stadium

At 2.30 to-morrow afternoon Technology meets Harvard at the Stadium in their first hockey game of the year. Tech will probably play about the same team as played against Dartmouth last Saturday.

It is reported that Harvard will be without the services of Cpt. Hicks, and Hornblower. It seems that Cpt. Hicks has a lame foot and Hornblower has appendicitis. But perhaps one of these men will get in to the game.

Tech is steadily improving in the game, and it is expected that they will give Harvard a stiff practice. There will be no admission fee.

The line-up:  
HARVARD: Leslie, I.e., O'Hearne, Duncan, I.e., Sloane, Gardner, I.e., Paine, Wigglesworth, I.e., R. Gould, Foster, I.e., A. Gould, Huntington, I.e., Billings, Smart, Chadwick, I.e., Polhemus.

## GENERAL NOTICES.

### FIRST YEAR.

**Entrance Condition Examinations.**  
First-year students are expected to take at the end of the present term all entrance examinations in which they have not already clear records, with the following exceptions:

1. Students having conditions in entrance History and entrance Physics. No examination will be held in entrance History and entrance Physics at the semi-annual examination period.

2. Special students taking no work dependent on entrance subjects in which they have not clear records. Such students, if they desire to become regular, may take remaining examinations in June or September.

3. Students who are now making up entrance French and German by taking the elementary courses, although they are privileged to take these examinations.

4. Students entitled to excuse from particular entrance conditions on the basis of good term work. This applies to conditions in entrance Algebra, English, French, German, and Plane Geometry and students will be notified if excuse can be given.

For the Faculty Committee on Entrance Examinations,  
WALTER HUMPHREYS,  
Registrar.

December 14, 1909.

### MILITARY SCIENCE.

The Drill hour, on Mondays and Fridays, on and after January 3rd will be changed from three to two o'clock.

WALTER HUMPHREYS,  
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### MUSICAL CLUBS.

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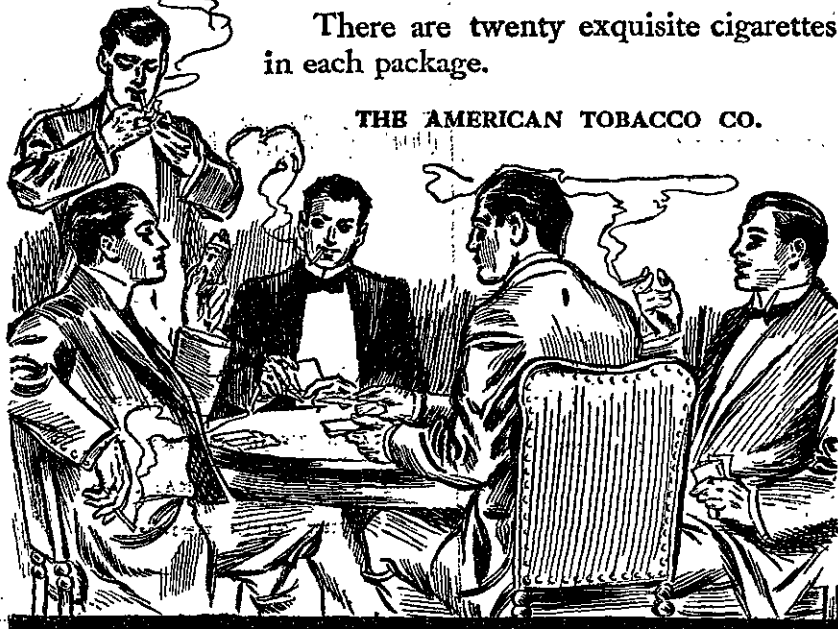


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WALTER HUMPHREYS,  
Registrar.

Every student in Course II. at the Institute should obtain a copy of last Saturday's special issue. It contains twelve pages of live interest to every man in the M. E. Course. Obtain a copy if you have not already done so.

1913.

First order of class-pipes given out Monday at Union. Second order for pipes received at Union from one till two daily.

WM. NEUSOME EICHORN,  
C. H. STRANG.

1913.

Tug of War meet at Marceau the Photographer, 160 Tremont St., at 1.10 today, wearing jerseys. All Out!

O. K. BIRCHARD.

1913.

Important Class Meeting, 10 o'clock, Wednesday, Huntington Hall.

Rehearsal of Mandolin Club Thursday at 4.30 P. M. in the Union.

C. E. Society Meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1910, 4.15 P. M., in room 11, Eng. B. Mr. Roger W. Babson, M. I. T. '98, will speak on "Business Barometers." 75, 76

Mrs. MacLaurin will be at home, at 187 Bay State Road, on Sunday afternoons after 3.30 P. M., beginning January 9, 1910, and will be glad to meet members of the student body of the Institute.

#### FOUND.

Two bunches of keys. Identify same at the Cage. Owner to pay charge of this insertion.

WANTED—A copy of the June 5th, 1905, "Junior Prom" issue of the Tech. Will person having a copy communicate with the Circulation Manager of the Tech?

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